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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicants request that the enclosed references cited on attached form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

Enclosed also please find a copy of a Supplementary European Search Report citing these references. The relevance of the references can be seen from the Supplementary European Search Report. It is noted that both of the enclosed references are English language publications based on the same Japanese priority application no. 47/65,020 filed on June 30, 1972.


This Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,

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